

Item Title: Recognition of Wake County Public Health's Accreditation with Honors

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners formally recognizes the Wake County Public Health Department for achieving Accreditation with Honors—meeting all 147 accreditation standards—as requested by County Manager David Ellis.

Item Summary:

County Manager David Ellis has requested that the Board acknowledge the following achievements:

- The Wake County Public Health Department officially received the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation (NCLHDA) Board Adjudication on November 21st, 2025. Having achieved a perfect score – meeting 147 of 147 accreditation standards – the NCLHDA Board recognized the Department as accredited with honors. The NCLHDA program evaluates local health departments across the state on their ability to meet rigorous standards in governance, leadership, workforce development, community engagement and quality improvement. Accreditation with honors is the highest recognition possible, reserved for departments that demonstrate full compliance across every measure.
- This accreditation cycle began in 2019 and work encompassed the expertise, compassion, and tireless contributions of staff through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.
- As of February 2026, the Public Health Department has moved into its new, 154,000-square-foot public health center designed to expand services and better meet the needs of the county. With excellence in its history and promised through its continually innovative approach, the Public Health Department is formally being recognized for its contributions to the county and the community as a whole.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Wake County Public Health Department NCLHDA Accreditation Honors Agenda Abstract